

IN THE CLAIMS:

8. (Amended) The eukaryotic cell of claim 7 wherein said reporter system is placed under control of a 6-16 reporter.

11. (Twice Amended) A method of screening a compound that interferes with the binding of a ligand with the extracellular part of a chimeric receptor and/or with the signaling pathway of the cytoplasmic part of a chimeric receptor, the method comprising:

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- providing the eukaryotic cell of claim 1;
- contacting said eukaryotic cell with said compound; and
- selecting cells in which the cell's reporter system is inactivated.

15. (Amended) A method of screening for orphan receptors and unknown ligands comprising:

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- providing a eukaryotic cell comprising:
 - a first recombinant gene encoding a chimeric receptor;
 - a second recombinant gene encoding a compound, the expression of which creates an autocrine loop;
 - a reporter system that is activated upon the creation of said autocrine loop;
 - and

selecting cells in which the cell's reporter system is activated.